Pradesh for establishment of a new Medical/Dental College under these provisions for the academic session 2006-07.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of the (a) above.

**Spending on polio eradication programme**

†1865. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the polio eradication programme running for the last several years has been unsuccessful in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the cases of polio have been found in several States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(d) the amount Central Government, State Governments and the World Bank have incurred on the polio eradication programme; and

(e) whether Government are formulating any new plan for eradicating polio completely from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Pulse Polio Immunization program was launched in 1995. Since then there has been a decline in the number of reported polio cases as well as geographical area of the virus circulation. In 2005, the circulation was limited to 35 districts mainly in western Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and the number of polio cases were 66 an all time low. An outbreak however, took place in Moradabad and JP Nagar in Western Uttar Pradesh during early part of 2006, which has spread to other parts of the State and the country resulting in 571 polio cases detected so far.

The quality of immunization round in the districts in the Western Uttar Pradesh during the later half of 2005 was not at the desired level resulting in increase in percentage of missed children. Besides these districts have

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thickly populated areas with poor sanitation and low nutrition status of children. It has also been found that in these areas certain non-polio entrovirus were prevalent in the gut of children which interferes with the efficacy of the Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV).

(d) Polio Eradication Programme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The expenditure incurred by Central Government and World Bank for polio eradication program from the year 1998-99 to 2006-07 is as under:—

*Amount (figures in crores)*

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| Government of India | 1585.65 |
| World Bank | 1692.35 |

(e) The strategy for polio eradication program of the country is finalized in consultation with the India Experts Advisory Group (IEAG) on polio, comprising of National and International Experts. The next IEAG meeting is scheduled for 11-12 December, 2006 when the experts will review the current epidemiological situation and will advise the future strategies.

**Measures to prevent spurious medicines**

†1866. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spurious drugs cases that have come to light during last five years in the country;

(b) the number of persons arrested or action taken against, in such cases during last five years and the details thereof;

(c) whether instances of spurious drugs making and its trade have gone up or down, the details thereof for the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to check spurious drugs

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